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Host-Based Word Processing -- Overview

History: Provide WP to 7260T users as well as 7265/8T.

Goals: Use STANDARD Agency terminal for ALL functions.  
Avoid analyst/manager/professional needing two devices.  
Provide WP service on host competitive with stand-alone.

Benefits: Creation, filing, printing, routing compatible on host.  
Backup, archive, security implicit in centralized service.  
Basis for future integrated OA, AIM compatibility.  
SAFE requirements met in advance.

Spinoffs: Exercise full terminal functions, test and debug.  
Model for other applications (SAFE/CAMS2/NOVA).  
Exercise host terminal support (CAM).

Status: Test use by C/SPD, ODP/P, OCR (China).  
Demand for trial by DDI/ASG.  
Operational, but not finished.  
Major future direction: AIM and SAFE integrations.

Usability: Menu, keystroke orientation.  
What-you-see-is-what-you-get editor (full screen).  
Insulates user from SCRIPT (document formatter).  
No text editor required (XEDIT nor SEDIT.)  
Insulates user from CP/CMS functions.  
On-line introduction for a user to DP; allows growth.

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Terminal: 7260T supports "words", "sentences", "paragraphs."  
Highlighting for COPY/MOVE/DELETE/UNDERLINE/CAP.  
Cursor movement, character/line INSERT/DELETE.

Screen: Attractive special characters.  
Split screens, message area, key labels.  
What-you-see-is-what-you-get.  
Menu formatted, fields protected and checked.  
Pointing to select items by cursor position.

Paging: SCROLL and PAGE movement forward and back.  
Automatic pre-staging and switching to prev/next pages.  
Shows page boundaries, both required and temporary.

PF Keys: CENTER, NEW PAGE, SECTION HEAD, FORMAT CHANGE.  
Keys to move among menus.  
Keys to get messages, exit, log off, file.

Services: Utilities for COPY, BACKUP, ERASE.  
PRINT menus and output formatting.  
PRINT queue management - order, purge, change.  
Local printer output or screen preview.

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Strategic decision?  
full-function? vs. Wang  
create additional CPU demand.